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Club team plays host in tight weekend series

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12-Hour Famine

Event raises awareness of global poverty

By Frances.Myers
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Students came together in order to raise awareness for an important cause and hosted a day full of events for a cause that affects people locally, nationally and globally: poverty.

The International Student Council hosted the 12-Hour Famine on Saturday, an event where the council encouraged participating students to fast from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

In order to help students fully understand the impact poverty has on people around the world in developing countries as well as in the United States, they encouraged students to refrain from using laptops, cell phones and other technological devices and to come to Martin Hall to participate in different activities from noon until 6 p.m.

“This was an awareness event where we had participants fast,” said Nidhi Shah, graduate in biochemistry, biophysics and molecular biology. “We hosted different activities centering around issues such as hunger, corruption and poverty.”

“I’ve fasted for medical reasons before, but this was the first time I did it for a deeper reason,” said Scott Byrd, junior in history. “It was really an eye-opening experience to see what people around the world go through every day. It really makes me realize how fortunate I am that I have the privilege of going to the fridge

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Stephens Auditorium

Acrobats set to perform Monday

By Briana.Haguewood
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The Golden Dragon Acrobats, an award-winning touring company from China, will perform for free Monday at Stephens Auditorium for the first time.

The show will feature contortionists, jugglers, tumblers, human pyramids and hoop-divers, most of whom have been trained since early childhood.

The doors open at 7 p.m. Monday, and the show will commence at 8. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. A full house is anticipated, so producers of the show recommend arriving early.

The show is free for students, faculty and the public. The Student Union Board has focused a lot of attention on promoting the event to the Ames community as a whole, as well as ISU students.

“Some of the events we do target only a

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LGBT



Pride Week fosters positivity

Alison Gamm/Iowa State Daily

Events meant to celebrate individuality, support

By Katherine.Marcheski
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The Cyclone Nation has a lot to be proud of — athletics, a beautiful campus, outstanding faculty and degree programs and, last but not least, a student body of over 26,000 unique individuals.

Monday, the ISU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Ally Alliance, Ames PFLAG and the LGBT student services will begin a celebration of the members of the LGBT community at Iowa State with Pride Week, a week to show the dignity and pride of ISU LGBTQA students.

During the week events are showcased to create community and pride among students and community members, said Brad Freihofer, program coordinator of the LGBT Student Services.

“Our Pride Week is to embrace who we are, to take a look at our gender and sexuality and be proud of it,” Freihofer said. “It’s a positive and supportive week, and it really gets people motivated to embrace themselves. It’s a week we get to emphasize pride a little more than usual.”

The week consists of events that range from education to entertainment and each serves a distinct purpose.

“The highlight will definitely be the drag show and the rally Friday in front of Parks [Library],” said Veronica Olson, member of the LGBTAA, and senior in philosophy. “The drag show is just fun and a good time, it’s also our biggest fundraiser, where as the demonstration is very thoughtful and meant to be an eye-opening experience.”

The demonstration that will take place Friday is meant to try and reverse some of the negative stereotypes about members of the LGBT community and shed a positive light on the group.

“The daily homophobia and stresses inflicted on members of the LGBT community are lifted during Pride Week,” Freihofer said. “The weight they have to combat with is just temporarily gone, and they can just be proud.”

The week is important for all students, said Randy Chanthavong, senior in political science and public relations officer for the LGBTAA.

“We call it Pride Week for a reason: To be proud of who you are, no matter what sexuality you are,” Chanthavong said. “We want to show who we are to the campus, that we exist, even for allies, to just show support.”

“It’s a long [planning] process. We try and make it as all-inclusive as possible, to provide a space for everyone,” said Amy Boitnott, senior in psychology and president of the LGBTAA.

Boitnott said Pride Week for her is not just about being proud of her sexuality, but allowing

Pride Week events

- Monday**
- Gender Expression Lunch - Sloss Women’s Center @ 12 p.m.
 - Milk: Screening and discussion in - Carver 232 @ 7 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Identified Line-Up outside Student Services Building @ 12 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Drag Show - Great Hall of Memorial Union @ 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday**
- Laramie Project: Film showing and Discussion- Carver 232 @ 7 p.m.
- Friday**
- Rally- Free Speech Zone outside Parks Library @ 12 p.m.

relief for many LGBTAA members who have had a rough year.

“Some people go through a lot of crap, and something like this allows them to feel safe, and to be with like-minded people in celebration for a week is very relieving. It’s about building people back up,” Boitnott said.



AMES:

Accident leaves student dead

A motorcycle collided with a vehicle around 4 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Welch Avenue and Mortensen Road. Ames Police reported the driver of the motorcycle, Dillon Nickson, died in the accident. Nickson was a sophomore in aerospace engineering at Iowa State and was a member of the national guard. Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

Weather

Warm weather brings tornadoes, thunderstorms

By Brandon.Hallmark
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As Iowa enters storm season with May and June accounting for 60-to-70 percent of the year’s tornadoes, the familiar anvils that indicate thunderstorms will become more common.

Thunderstorms require three factors in order to form — convective (or unstable) air, moisture and updraft/downdraft caused by a warm front rapidly rising over a cold front.

A storm’s strength can be determined by how well defined its tower or “anvil” is. A weaker storm will have a less definite tower, whereas a stronger storm will have a well-defined anvil shape above it. If this anvil has a dome above it, the storm is even stronger. The anvil or tower is also the location of the strongest updraft and is usually the place where tornadoes will form, said Jeff Johnson from the

National Weather Service.

The anvil or tower is the location of the strongest updraft in the storm. The rising warm, moist air billows up above the rest of the storm, and the strength of the updraft determines how well-defined the anvil is. A stronger updraft correlates with a better-defined anvil, while a weaker updraft correlates with a wispy anvil.

There are several types of thunderstorms, Johnson said. Multi-cell clusters, which are multiple small storms; squall lines, which have great rainfall and can have damaging winds; supercell storms, which are the strong isolated storms that spawn most tornadoes; and high-precipitation supercells, which also have a lot of rainfall and can produce tornadoes.

Some thunderstorms can spawn tornadoes, some of which are small

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Georgia tornado:
On this day in 1804, a large tornado crossed six Georgia counties killing at least 11 people near Augusta.

Calendar

Find out what’s going on, and share your event with the rest of campus on our website, at iowastatedaily.com.

MONDAY ISU Flute Ensemble When: 5:30-6:35 p.m. What: Sonja Giles, director Where: Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall, Music Building	MONDAY SUB presents: Golden Dragon Acrobats When: 8 p.m. What: Chinese acrobatic touring company Where: Stephens Auditorium
 TUESDAY Softball When: 4 p.m. What: Iowa State vs. Northern Iowa. Where: Southwest Athletics Complex	WEDNESDAY Cyclone Idol Prelims When: 7 p.m. What: SUB & VEISHEA present Cyclone Idol Preliminaries Where: Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union
TUESDAY Autism awareness When: 7 p.m. What: Improving Access to Social Skills Training for Students with ASD Where: Gold Room, Memorial Union	

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Carl and Marjory Hertz Lecture on Emerging Issues in Agriculture
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presented by
James Borel,
Executive Vice President, DuPont, ISU alum
(’78 agricultural business)

Wednesday, April 6 at 8 p.m.
Free and open to the public
Sun Room, Iowa State Memorial Union, Ames

Daily Snapshot



POLAR PLUNGE: Students raise money

Ethan Wise dives at the Polar Plunge. Over \$45,000 was raised for the special olympics as more than 800 people slipped, jumped, dove and flopped into the fresh waters of Lake Laverne. Photo: Clark Colby/Iowa State Daily

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TV Schedule <small>Get the rest online, at iowastatedaily.com/tv</small>		
MONDAY Cy’s Eyes on the Skies 6:30 p.m. channel 18 NCAA Basketball Tournament Final 8 p.m. channel 8 The Event 8 p.m. channel 13 Harry’s Law 9 p.m. channel 13	TUESDAY NewsWatch 6:30 p.m. channel 18 nAmes 7:30 p.m. channel 18 NCIS 7 p.m. channel 8 The Biggest Loser 7 p.m. channel 13	WEDNESDAY Cy’s Eyes on the Skies 6:30 p.m. channel 18 Minute to Win It 7 p.m. channel 13 Criminal Minds 8 p.m. channel 8 Mythbusters 8 p.m. channel 46

Police Blotter:

Ames, ISU Police Departments

March 30
Christopher Funk, 20, 2122 Lincoln Way, was arrested and charged with drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. (reported at 2:05 a.m.)
Aaron Lorton, 24, 2420 Aspen Road unit 304, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 2:41 a.m.)
Julian Morris, 23, of Cedar Falls, was arrested and charged with domestic abuse (serious). (reported at 7 a.m.)
Robert Kimbrough, 21, 1211 Lincoln Way unit 2, was arrested and charged with fourth-degree theft. (reported at 10 a.m.)
A caller requested that an officer check the welfare of several family members. (reported at 6:52 p.m.)
Johnathon Bailey, 24, no address, was arrested and charged with drug paraphernalia and interference with official acts (simple). (reported at 11:35 p.m.)
Vonzell Osburn, 31, 215 S. Franklin Ave., was arrested

and charged with rule to show cause and possession of a controlled substance. (reported at 11:45 p.m.)

April 1
Dexter Popillion, 23, of Gilbert, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. (reported at 12:05 a.m.)
Tyler Netsch, 20, 436 Welch Ave., was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 12:24 a.m.)
Jason Brown, 24, 1314 Idaho Ave., was arrested and charged with interference with official acts (simple). (reported at 12:25 a.m.)
Becky Perkovich, 30, 1584 X Ave., was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and driving under suspension. (reported at 1:45 a.m.)
April Adams, 22, 200 Stanton Ave. unit 714, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:54 a.m.)

Celebrity News
Notes and events.

James Franco: Maybe I had ‘low energy’ at Oscars
After being criticized by Oscars viewers, James Franco is finally speaking out about his hosting gig, saying that perhaps he was a little too “low energy.”
On the “Late Show With David Letterman,” Franco said that many people thought he was stoned during the ceremony.
“People said I was under the influence,” he said. “I’ve thought about it. I think I know why: I love her, but Anne Hathaway is so energetic, I think the Tasmanian Devil would look stoned standing next to Anne Hathaway. She has a lot of energy!”
All kidding aside, Franco said, “Truthfully, I haven’t watched it back. Maybe I had low energy. I honestly played those lines as well as I could.”

Cameron Diaz: Reuniting with JT was ‘great’
If the upcoming film “Bad Teacher” has taught Cameron Diaz anything, it’s that she and former flame Justin Timberlake still have great chemistry.

In the raunchy comedy, Diaz – whose almost four-year relationship with the singer ended in 2007 – plays a foul-mouthed junior-high teacher who attempts to woo a new instructor (Timberlake). The blonde beauty says that as a leading man, Timberlake more than makes the grade.

“Justin and I have always had a good laugh together, and to make a movie where we get to have a laugh together – there really was no one else who was more perfect for this part,” she said, adding that working with her ex “really wasn’t a big deal ... We had a great time.”

Carell, Knightley might star in upcoming comedy

Steve Carell is in the mood for love now that he’s wrapping things up at “The Office.” The actor is set to star in a new romantic comedy with British beauty Keira Knightley.

The funnyman is expected to headline “Seeking a Friend at the End of the World,” a love story that unfolds as an asteroid is about to wipe out the earth.

Carell will play a man who finds himself alone after his panic-stricken wife leaves him. He then hears from a high-school sweetheart who says she wants them to be together when the world comes to an end.

Knightley is being eyed to play a neighbor who accompanies him on a road trip on his quest to find a new love.

‘Grey’s Anatomy’ gets all ‘Glee’ on us

“Grey’s Anatomy” mixed its medical dramatics with singing on its episode, and as with all musical episodes of TV shows, it can be a risky proposition.

As the New York Post explains, “‘Grey’s’ solution for that [spontaneous singing] problem was theorizing that the brain does crazy things after an injury, so a post-crash Callie was hallucinating that everyone at Seattle Grace was bursting into song.”

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Anne Clifford is the Msgr. James A. Supple Chair of Catholic Studies in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Iowa State. Her talk explores Jesus Christ’s most intimate relationships in response to one of the core questions, “Who do you say I am?” She uses contemporary biblical scholarship to show how Jesus invited his closest companions to leave conventional wisdom behind and live by an alternative wisdom, one that challenged the cultural customs and societal patterns of his day. Clifford is the author of *Introducing Feminist Theology and Coeditor of Christology: Memory, Inquiry, Practice*. She earned her PhD from the Catholic University of America.

Anne Clifford
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Science and Children
A NATURAL FIT

Monday April 4, 2011 7pm
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Karen Worth
Karen Worth is a faculty member at Wheelock College, where she teaches early childhood and elementary education with a focus on science education.
Children are naturally curious and full of questions about the world around them. They explore and investigate events and materials in their lives in ways that resemble those of the scientist. As teachers we are providing experiences that lay the foundation for future learning. This is important in a world in which science plays a greater and greater role in our lives and the decisions we must make. This talk will focus on how we can take advantage of children’s interest and bring science into the classroom. We will look at what science in the classroom looks like and what it should be. We will explore what content is appropriate and examine the role of the teacher in guiding and facilitating children’s work. We also will look at how science can provide an exciting context in which children use and develop their literacy and mathematical skills and knowledge.

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Modernist Cuisine
the Art & Science of cooking

Chef Chris Young has earned a reputation for applying science and technology in the kitchen. He opened the experimental kitchen at The Fat Duck restaurant in Berkshire, England, working under world-famous chef Heston Blumenthal and overseeing development of the restaurant’s most innovative dishes. Young completed degrees in mathematics and biochemistry at the University of Washington and left behind his doctoral work for a job as chef at one of Seattle’s top restaurants. He has written extensively on the science of food and cooking for *The Fat Duck Cookbook* and has published scholarly research in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* and *Food Science*. He is coauthor of the forthcoming *Modernist Cuisine*, a comprehensive, illustrated six-volume set dedicated to the science and technology of cooking.

Sponsored by: Culinary Sciences Club, Food Sciences and Human Nutrition, National Affairs Series on Innovation, and Committee on Lectures (funded by GSB)

Chris Young
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Bar

Headliners ready to debut smokehouse

Headliners, 2430 Lincoln Way, is well known for its bar and local music scene, but it will soon introduce something new for Ames residents.

The bar will add a smokehouse, which will open to the public for lunch and dinner starting Wednesday.

The smokehouse will take on a local vibe as they plan to buy only local or Midwestern products. Chefs will hand-select their meat and then create their own spice recipes according to the cut of meat, which then get slow-smoked with hickory wood.

Headliner's Smokehouse also features homemade barbecue sauce, which will be sold for \$5 a pint.

Starters include deep-fried pickles, homemade chips and beer-battered fries.

The smokehouse also features a special burger that gets smoked before being finished on the grill, beef brisket and pulled-pork sandwiches and smoked chicken wings all for \$5.

Dinners include baby back ribs, smoked with Gordon's Original BBQ Sauce. The half rack is available for \$9, while the full rack is \$15.

Stay tuned to iowastatedaily.com for upcoming information and photos.

-Daily Staff

Restaurant

Noodles & Company to open on Duff

Last week a sign debuted near Buffalo Wild Wings, 400 South Duff Ave., stating that Noodles & Company will move in next door.

The popular restaurant chain is also looking at locations in Des Moines and West Des Moines. It already opened in Davenport and will open stores in Cedar Rapids and Coralville.

Noodles & Company offers American, Asian and Mediterranean cuisine such as spaghetti and Wisconsin cheesesteak, Bangkok curry and Indonesian peanut saute and pesto cavatappi and tomato basil bisque. The menu also features food that have all three influences wrapped into one meal.

All dishes are available for around seven dollars, and the restaurant has fast food-like quick service.

Noodles & Company first opened in 1995 in Denver, Colo. Its founder Aaron Kennedy invented the term "fast casual food." It has received several food, health and business awards in its 16 years.

Noodles & Company has locations in 20 states.

-Daily Staff

Housing

Apartment complex ready for fall

A new apartment community will be ready for students to move in for the fall 2011 semester.

The Grove, 1615 Golden Aspen Drive, a brand of student housing, was created by Campus Crest, a North Carolina-based firm striving to provide the best student housing in the nation.

The goal for The Grove is to supply students with supportive and convenient places to live for their college years. The apartments are described on gogrove.com as resort-style with fully-loaded college living.

Amenities include a sand volleyball court; full-court basketball; a resort-style pool; a coffee bar with high-speed Internet; a fitness center with tanning beds and workout room; a game room with flat-screen televisions, pool table, air hockey, darts and poker table; and a "Harvard-style" library with a fireplace.

Apartments come equipped with furniture, walk-in closets, private rooms, full kitchens, in-unit washer and dryer and on-site parking.

The Grove can also match students with roommates and has on-site property managers, maintenance and 24-hour on-call personnel.

It also supplies a live-in team of students hired to help support students with conflicts and roommate issues.

Besides basic rent, which varies according to unit, a \$250 community fee is required to live at The Grove.

Campus Crest has already built more than \$100 million-worth of housing in 15 states.

For more information, call The Grove at Ames at 515-232-1046.

-Daily Staff

Job market



He does not want to be remembered as the 'Sign Board Guy,' but Joshua Persky, former investment banker, after making headlines across the globe in 2008, is finding that shedding the image synonymous with a financial meltdown and recession is hard to do. Photo: Cynthia Kohl/CNN Wire Service

A different strategy

MIT graduate still jobless after failed ventures

By Jessica Dickler
CNN staff writer

"I do not want to be known as the 'Sign Board Guy,'" Joshua Persky, 51, says.

But after making headlines across the globe in 2008, it's hard to shed the image that became synonymous with a financial meltdown and ensuing recession.

Persky was an investment banker who found himself laid off in early 2008, though he expected he'd easily snag a new job with Bear Stearns. But then, in May, the investment house collapsed, taking most of Wall Street with it.

As layoffs mounted, Persky knew he needed to do something different to stand out in a sea of job seekers. "After being out of work for six months, I decided to do something a little more creative, so I put on a sign board and went out to Park Avenue to get some leads."

His sign, which read "Experienced MIT

Grad For Hire" with his name and contact information, launched a media frenzy.

Despite only logging a few hours outside with his sign over the course of one week in June, the story spread around the globe.

But yet, no job offers.

It wasn't until after Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy in September that he finally got a job, with a New York City accounting firm. At the same time, Persky started writing a book on job hunting and sold the proposal to a major publisher.

"Everything was moving forward nicely," he said.

But the economy continued to sputter, and Persky was laid off after only five months.

"It's been a struggle of generational proportion," Persky said. "I had a nice run of 25-30 years of work until 2007."

Of course Persky was not alone; 8.7 million jobs were lost between 2008 and 2009, 543,000 of which were in financial services. The unemployment rate more than doubled from 4.7 percent the month before the start of the recession to a high of 10.1 percent in October of 2009 and

has only recently nudged down to 8.9 percent.

Persky is one of the 13.7 million people still out of work in the United States.

Aside from the short stint in an accounting firm, he also tried to start his own consulting business and even launched an iPhone app, but nothing has stuck.

Persky downsized substantially, even staying with his sister temporarily before moving to a smaller apartment in New York.

He collects unemployment and keeps his expenses low, while working on his newest business idea.

Now, he is trying to get a digital displays business off the ground. His company, called Twisplays, makes LED signs that show real-time Twitter streams for use in stores, restaurants, offices or trade shows.

And even though economic conditions have improved since his days with a sign board, Persky is now struggling to find a retail customer or investor to support his new business.

Still, he his hopeful his latest venture will help him back on his feet. "I will get there," he said.

Nation

Auto company tops GM in sales

Ford passes rival for first time in 13 years

By Chris Isidore
CNN senior writer

NEW YORK — Ford Motor Co. topped rival General Motors in U.S. sales in March, grabbing the No. 1 spot for the first time in nearly 13 years.

Ford sales rose 19% from a year ago to 212,777 vehicles, while GM posted a 10% rise to 206,621. It is the first time since a strike shutdown GM production in July and August of 1998 that Ford has been able to move ahead of GM.

"I don't think we've been all that interested in sales races," said George Pipas, Ford's director of sales analysis.

Jessica Caldwell, senior analyst with Edmunds.com, said Ford's sales were helped by increased incentives that attracted buyers. But she said the company also benefited from a lineup of fuel efficient models as gas prices topped \$3.60 a gallon during the month.

"Having strong entries in sub-compact, compact, and small SUV really helps when gas prices soar," she said.

GM experienced strong sales for some of its fuel efficient cars too though. Sales of its new compact Cruze were up nearly 80% from the old compact Cobalt model it replaced.

In February, GM offered attractive incentives that expired in March. Jesse Toprak, analyst for sales tracker TrueCar, said that probably caused some of its normal March sales to be pulled forward into the prior month, opening the door for Ford.

Toprak said Ford probably won't stay in the No. 1 position all



American automaker Ford reports higher sales numbers than rival GM for the first time in more than a decade. Photo: William Walker/CNN Wire Service

year, but the two companies could play leap frog for a while.

"I don't think it is the new norm, but what we're going to see is GM will have the No. 1 spot more often, while Ford is close to them and there will probably be two or three months a year where it's on top," he said.

Ford has been posting strong sales for the past several years, and is catching up to GM in U.S. market share.

According to sales tracker Autodata, Ford captured 16.7% of the U.S. market in 2010, up 1.2 percentage points, while GM's share slipped to 19.1% from 19.8%.

Toprak said the idea of Ford being that close to GM was unthinkable only a few years ago, and that the result shows just how much progress Ford has made.

But there was good news for the GM, Toprak said. The company didn't go too crazy with incentives or low-priced fleet sales in order to hang onto the top spot, as it might have in the past.

"GM has learned the lesson of not going blindly after market share and instead going after profit, which is ultimately what determines if a company is successful," he said.

Overall industrywide sales rose 17% compared to a year earlier, according to sales tracker Autodata, a bit stronger than most forecasts. The seasonally-adjusted sales pace in March would work out to full-year sales of just over 13 million vehicles if extended throughout the year, well ahead of the 11.6 million vehicles sold in 2010.

While there was modest supply and production disruptions for the auto industry due to the earthquake in Japan, there was virtually no impact in the March sales numbers, even among the Japanese brands. Toprak said April sales could be a different stories if automakers start to run low on some models.

Toyota Motor reported a 6% drop in sales in March, a bit worse than forecast, but its two main

Japanese rivals, Honda Motor and Nissan, both reported strong sales, with Nissan topping forecasts to report its best U.S. sales month ever.

Honda acknowledged its sales in future months could be impacted by supply chain problems, and Nissan announced Friday that five North American plants will halt production six days in April due to the supply of parts.

But one U.S. Nissan plant in Decherd, TN, will start shipping engines to assembly lines in Japan that previously got engines from a damaged plant only an hour from the crippled nuclear power plant. It's the first time Nissan has ever exported U.S. engines back to Japan.

The Detroit automakers won't be spared their own problems caused by the Japanese disaster -- GM already had a brief shutdown at a Shreveport, La., plant, and Ford and Chrysler have limited what color buyers can order on some models.

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Editorial

Enjoy ‘Friday’
for the right
reasons

As the line between advertising and entertainment becomes more and more blurred, so also does the line between why something is good and bad, so it seems.

The overly popular song “Friday,” by 13-year-old Rebecca Black is the newest in the world of jokes some people get and others are patently oblivious or just, well, who knows.

The truth of the matter is, Black’s parents paid to have her record a song at Ark Music Factory. The song “Friday” was her choice of from a selection of pre-written songs. After it was recorded, the video received little exposure until “Tosh.O” put it up on its list of videos to be ridiculed.

Usually, the videos seen are just laughed at for the remainder of the week, and life goes on, but “Friday” captured the attention of the online community in ways that defy logic.

This brings to the forefront the question of why? Why is this joke still going? There is little doubt that the song is awful. There is little doubt the lyrics are insipid; the product of marketing and little more.

And there is no doubt that the appeal of the song initially and likely still for most people, apart from teenage girls, is that Black’s performance is only tolerable because it is so bad it is funny.

Why then, have a great many people taken Black’s song to be something other than a joke?

For anyone out there citing their reason as, “I feel sorry for Black and appreciate her efforts,” appreciate the royalties she is receiving from “Friday’s” downloads on iTunes.

Appreciate that her idol — the also annoyingly adored by teenage girls Justin Bieber — performed a cover of the song. Appreciate that Rolling Stone praised Black and her charm. And especially appreciate that Simon Cowell applauds Black; well, Cowell applauds the joke and tells Black to enjoy the fact she is one of the most talked about singers in America currently. But still, he is even giving her some encouragement.

Despite all the jokes and parodies however — there are people listening to “Friday” that are not laughing, that are singing along and enjoying the song as being “good.”

Yes, people should be allowed to enjoy whatever they want. Maybe everyone gets that the song is horrible and the celebrities appreciate the fame and social media drive of events like this and not the actual “talent” or “skill” of Black, but it is doubtful.

Social media events like this are surely spectacles to be applauded, but most of the time, the actual event is not. “Friday” is a joke, the situation around it is astounding and, with that in mind, please, everyone out there, keep laughing, keep applauding, but know why you are doing so, rather than just following the flock and not knowing the reasons things like this are famous.

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Internet



Columnist Hanton argues that some providers should be regulated to use faster technology for their services. Courtesy photo: Thinkstock

Question your providers

By Rick.Hanton@iowastatedaily.com

ISPs should utilize best
technology for services

If you have managed to live anywhere that is not on a college campus, you know that even high-speed cable Internet providers in the United States are not particularly “fast.” Last week we found out that, sadly, Google didn’t choose Ames as the location to test its 1 Gbps fiber network — though not for lack of trying, on Ames’ part. Instead, they chose the city of Kansas City, Kan., to get 100 times faster Internet on a fast fiber-to-the-home network.

Kansas City, known at times as “the armpit of Kansas,” where the current unemployment rate is currently more than 10 percent, will receive Google broadband at a low price for residents and no price for schools.

Google was keen to pick Kansas City due to the possibility of easy installation of their fiber lines using existing power poles and buried utility pipes.

They hope that by bringing in faster Internet service, they will help make Kansas City more prosperous and allow high-data services to proliferate on the relatively cheap network in a way that is not possible in other U.S. cities.

Google has always prided itself on the speed of its services. One of the reasons that google.com has always been quite plain is so that it loads quickly. It is rumored that Google had to double the computing power behind users’ searches when they introduced Google Instant

search. One limitation to Google’s services, like YouTube, is that users have slow high-speed Internet by world standards.

As an avid user of Reddit.com, I occasionally see a popular story about a user who takes a trip to South Korea, stays in a hostel and gets free 55 Mbps (megabits per second) Wi-Fi Internet there. While this is quite fast, the average internet speed in South Korea as of this writing is only about 33 Mbps, which is still incredibly speedy. Notably, on the other end of the spectrum, is the United States with 11 Mbps speeds.

The state with the slowest tested speeds, besides Alaska, is Iowa — at about 5 Mbps.

If any Iowa politicians manage to read my column, this is one of the reasons I am not incredibly interested in landing a long-term position in your state. I’ve heard a lot about the work done by politicians to draw smart, young students and innovative businesses to Iowa. Here’s a great way to start. Figure out what needs to be done to give companies like Mediacom a kick in the pants to develop faster, cheaper networks.

I agree that the United States is hard to cover in high-speed networks, but without rules that force the development of open broadband connection lines that can be shared by multiple end-providers, there is little competition. To compete with the incumbent providers, you have to bury your own lines in the ground, or above ground like Google.

Other rules might be good, such as rules that regulate and test the speeds of providers,

forcing them to provide users with average rather than maximum rates.

I will agree that most Internet services will hit the maximum rate that service providers sell you on, but how often they hit it is another issue and is based on things like network congestion. When living and working in Cedar Rapids, I’d check a handy graph of speed kept on my router on occasion and noticed that while once in a blue moon, Mediacom might hit their maximum 12 Mbps speed, most of the time it would be half of that.

While some argue that we don’t need regulation of the Internet, I would argue that we need a little bit, if not a lot of regulation of Internet providers.

There are tons of new services that use the Internet today, including companies like Netflix and Hulu.

It is in Internet companies’ best interests to slow these companies down so that you flip on your TV rather than your Roku player and continue to pay them for a \$100 per month Internet/phone/cable bill.

Did I mention that Internet is much cheaper in other areas of the world like South Korea, as well?

Make sure you are careful what data services you pay for and how much you pay once you graduate or start working. We, as a generation and as a nation, need to question whether our high-data utility bills are paying for the best technology and the fastest service or for old generations of technology and money to line corporate monopolies’ pockets.

Justice

Violence not the right answer

By Brandon.Blue@iowastatedaily.com

Pastor Jones’
Koran burning not
worth murder

Remember last year, around Sept. 11, when Pastor Terry Jones of Florida’s Dove World Outreach Center said he was going to exercise his freedom of speech and burn a Koran? Remember how the Westboro Baptist Church actually did burn a Koran on Sept. 11, 2010?

Well, Jones actually did it. And guess what happened?

On Friday, 15 people were murdered in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan over Jones’ burning.

So the natural question is this: Who’s responsible?

First, we have to ask what happened. In Florida, Pastor Jones held a “trial” in a kangaroo court with the Koran in the dock.

Predictably, Jones, finding no irony in his own organization’s name (the Dove World Outreach Center), found the Koran guilty. A copy of the Koran was promptly incinerated by a worshiper, Wayne Sapp.

What happened in Mazar-i-Sharif? A crowd of what I can only assume to be mental patients recently sprung from an asylum

somehow heard the news and decided to kill some U.N. personnel — people who have absolutely nothing to do with Pastor Jones, nor even specifically the United States.

I find this response unacceptable. I appreciated the criticism of Pastor Jones.

It was an interesting look at the First Amendment — when should we use our rights, and when should we use restraint with ourselves?

I came to the conclusion that part of enjoying the right to freedom of speech is knowing when and when not to use it.

I chose to disagree with Jones’ intended burning and applauded him for what I interpreted as seeing reason and calling everything off.

It seems the scales on Jones’ eyes returned. I now view the Dove Outreach Center, as all reasonable people should, as having no redeeming merits, guilty of fermenting hate, figuratively and literally playing with fire, and reaching out nowhere but into its own proverbial pants to spiritually masturbate itself over its disgusting view of justice.

This said, Jones and his rogue gallery in Florida incited nothing but — I think, rightly-placed — anger. Were I more fervently

religious and someone so openly mocked my religion, I can see some anger on behalf of myself and believers elsewhere. The Muslim community has every right to condemn Jones’ thick head and hard heart and should. I certainly do.

But killing people, even killing Jones, were Friday’s mob able to do so, is absolutely wrong. I can’t even begin to describe the foaming-at-the-mouth overreaction that unfolded in Afghanistan. All that Jones and Sapp did, misguided though it may be, was burn a book.

That’s what the Koran is — a book. It’s just a book, printed on regular paper with regular words. What matters are the ideas in that book — that’s what makes the Koran so precious to so many millions of people.

I understand that Muslims have a great deal more respect for the Koran than most do for other books, the Bible included, yet the Koran is still, in reality, paper and ink.

Burning the Koran’s tangible form does to Islam what burning a Bible does to Christianity — absolutely nothing.

This is exactly why I’m not going to blame Islam: Islam is only an idea.

A single idea does not push

people to terrorism.

A single idea does not drive someone to kill.

Bear in mind that people weren’t killed in America — they were killed in Afghanistan, which is a country different from ours in ways besides the religious ones. Stories of the U.S. “kill team” are still fresh, I’m sure, in the minds of the Afghani people.

Reuters reports that world leaders such as Afghanistan’s president, Hamid Karzai and Pakistan’s president, Asif Ali Zardari, have condemned Jones’ Koran burning.

It’s no stretch for me to see reasons the Afghani mob justified to themselves murdering innocent people over this.

Yet, it was wrong. The world holds the Afghani people to a higher standard. They aren’t savages.

They’re just like you and me. Their perversion of justice, killing unrelated innocents, is far more grave than any minor infraction Pastor Jones is guilty of.

The question of what exactly unfolded Friday and why is bigger than this column, but I look forward, as I hope the rest of the world does, to the murderers of UN personnel being brought to justice.



Letters

Basketball is a true sport

Faults are just the nature of the beast

Brad Kuxhausen is a senior in mechanical engineering.

I would like to address the article published called “Contemporary basketball nothing to write home about.” I would like to congratulate the writer: You have officially baffled me. I was unaware that an article could be written in such a way to induce such an extreme sarcastic laughing reflex.

I also never knew that a string of Swiss cheese arguments could be tethered together in a fumbling ballet of words. Let me point out a few things.

So Mr. Romano, you state that basketball lacks a uniquely definitive beauty. You say that baseball’s beauty lies in the fact that it is during the summertime and has statistics. Sounds drop dead gorgeous to me.

Don’t get me wrong, I am a huge fan of baseball and attend the College World Series every year, but when comparing it to the up-tempo attitude of basketball I do not believe there is a comparison. I would like to direct you a highlight reel of Mr. Blake Griffin, or Mr. Derrick Rose. Or heck, check the high school tape of this guy named Harrison Barnes; I hear he was pretty decent.

Then describe to me how this is not “uniquely beautiful.”

So the Miami Heat are the best team

in the NBA right now huh? Last time I checked that was false, and also last time I checked LeBron can be stopped.

You claim that “in no other sport can you play perfect defense and still get scored on.”

So you are telling me that if someone played perfect defense on Ovechkin he would not score at least some of the time? Or how about Messi? They would lock him up every time right?

I hope you are seeing the broken logic path here. Perfect defense is a thing of theory and no sport achieves it, just like in basketball.

By the sounds of it Mr. Romano you have never played basketball as an organized sport.

You have never been taught that there is an offense that play revolves around. Everyone has a responsibility — shooter, big man, dribble driver. There are variations of that base offense such as plays that set up a 3-point bomb, or a set of screens that allow a forward to drive to the bucket.

You said that coaches do not do anything they just recruit and point everyone in the direction of the basket, correct? Sorry to tell you but all those intricate plays and offensive alterations are formulated by the coaching staff, not the players.

However I will say, like in any other sport, players are designed to give the players an opportunity to use their athletic ability. Nothing is ever guaranteed or given.

Oh right, that is just like in any other sport.

Now for the headliner. You state that “in no other sport is purposely breaking the rules not only an acceptable strategy, but a viable one.” Here in lies your biggest misstep yet.

In a football game a defensive back falls for a stutter step and is going to get burnt deep.

What does he do? Tugs on the receiver’s jersey to slow him down. This is of course a penalty, but is 15 yards or a touchdown better? Or how about how the interior lineman hold every play? It’s part of the game and the nature of the beast. It is ignored unless blatant, much like traveling in basketball.

One more example.

Messi beats a defender and has a wide open shot at the goal, what does the defender do as Messi is blowing past him? Takes his legs out of course, because a foul is better than a goal. It is very simple concept.

These examples ARE acceptable strategy and clearly viable.

I don’t take your article personally Mr. Romano, but it bothers me that you are taking one of America’s homegrown sports and trying to tear it down.

So have fun in your coma next March, but personally I will be stuck to the TV for every score update because I relish in the unpredictability and true grit that make up this madness.

Oh and anytime you want to play one-on-one, I am game, and hey, I won’t even play defense.

Don’t knock it until you try it my friend.

Racism is dead, let’s move on

Unsubstantiated accusations keep bigotry alive

Robert Bender is a senior in genetics.

In March, a video surfaced in which NPR executive Ron Schiller referred to the Tea Party as, “seriously racist, racist people.” However, just like fellow liberals Janeane Garofalo, Jimmy Carter, Michael Moore, and many others who’ve said the same thing,

Schiller failed to provide any evidence to support the claim that the Tea Party is racist.

What is the connection between the Tea Party and race? Has the tea party made any racist statements?

Fighting racism is a noble cause. Many of us grew up learning about the racial injus-

tices of our country’s past, and the heroism of the civil rights movement.

We think to ourselves, “I would have marched with MLK. I would have supported Rosa Parks. I would have fought the racists.” Unfortunately, we missed our chance.

Racism was doomed the moment racial equality reached Hollywood and professional athletics.

It is impossible for racism to survive to any significant degree when so many of our idols from the entertainment industries are black.

Unable to accept that their opportunity has passed, many liberals are quick to inject race into unrelated issues, and invent racism where there is none. Groups like Media Matters scrutinize the airways and pounce on any remote suggestion of racial bias like they did last summer when they forced Dr. Laura out of her radio job for quoting the N-word usage of black

comedians.

In December, fans booed LeBron James, just like they do every athlete who abandons his home team to chase a championship. Yet somehow in a sport where 8-out-of-10 players are black, LeBron blamed his treatment on racial bigotry.

Racheal Maddow and Joy Behar called Sharron Angle a racist because in her senate campaign ad, she used Latino actors to portray a Mexican drug gang. Perhaps she should have used white or Asian actors instead.

The ultimate battle against racism came in the election of 2008 with the opportunity to elect a black president. This would really stick it to those racists. Obama won the election, but there was no racial outcry. Where were the racists?

Later, when the Tea party rose up in response to Obama’s record increase in government spending. Liberals had found the racists they were looking

for. To many liberals, their chosen leader is so perfect, that in their minds, no one could possibly disagree with his policies, they must just be racists.

An accusation as serious as this one should be supported with clear examples, but it has not been.

The absence of any evidence to support this claim shows that it is not a legitimate issue, but instead represents a refusal to let go of the battles of the past.

That fight is over. If a poor black kid can become president, then racism is not a barrier to any goal.

However, perhaps in an effort to keep Al Sharpton employed, many refuse to declare the battle won, and are determined to keep it going.

If not now, then when will we be willing to declare that racism is dead?

A black man is president. What bigger sign could we possibly be waiting for? It is time for us to move on.

Funding focus should be on schools

Over \$150,000 spent on garbage cans during a time of intense budge cuts

Ian Nichols is a sophomore in meteorology.

So I was walking into my friend’s place in Buchanan Hall and I saw another one of the large green garbage cans being installed by the main entrance.

The “Big Belly” is a self-compacting garbage can that uses the sunlight to compose its contents when it reaches maximum capacity. It is said that each can would be equivalent to five regular garbage cans. It even says so right next to a big picture of Cy.

What most students don’t realize is that each of these garbage cans costs around \$5,000. With more of them popping up around campus the university is spending over \$150,000 on these garbage cans.

I am very aware of the budget cut bills that the state of Iowa has been passing over the years and how they are requiring universities to make cuts, but I am seeing my tuition increase while fancy garbage cans are being placed up all over campus.

I have been doing a small survey around campus asking students which garbage can they would prefer to use, the “Big Belly” or the standard open top trash can. It was pretty obvious from what I was hearing students say was they preferred the open top garbage can. They gave me different reasons like, “I don’t want to touch the handle on the garbage can.” “It’s easier to just put it in an open can.”

A few students said they throw most of their garbage away inside rather than outside. This is just because dining and living locations are inside. So while these new garbage cans may save the trip of employees having to empty five other cans, this only works if they are in use.

I don’t see them in very high use. I am a meteorology major and I don’t have any problems with the concept of greener garbage cans and I want to do what I can to help the environment, but I just think at a time when tuition is going up and schools are hurting for money, this was not the appropriate time.

Legislation violates constitution

Senate File 431 is a shameful attempt to silence consumers

John Moellers is a senior in aerospace engineering.

I respectfully urge all readers to tell their senators that they oppose Senate File 431. This proposed legislation would silence whistle-blowers who speak out against cruelty to animals at farms, hatcheries and slaughterhouses by creating civil and criminal penalties for producing, possessing or distributing a record of a “visual or audio experience occurring at [an] animal facility.”

Senate File 431 represents a shameful attempt to silence whistle-blowers and prevent consumers from making informed choices about the food they eat.

It is also a blatant violation of our constitutional rights and it leads one to question the slaughterhouse and puppy mill owners lobbying for it.

What’s going on inside the facilities that you would go to such lengths to prevent people from seeing?

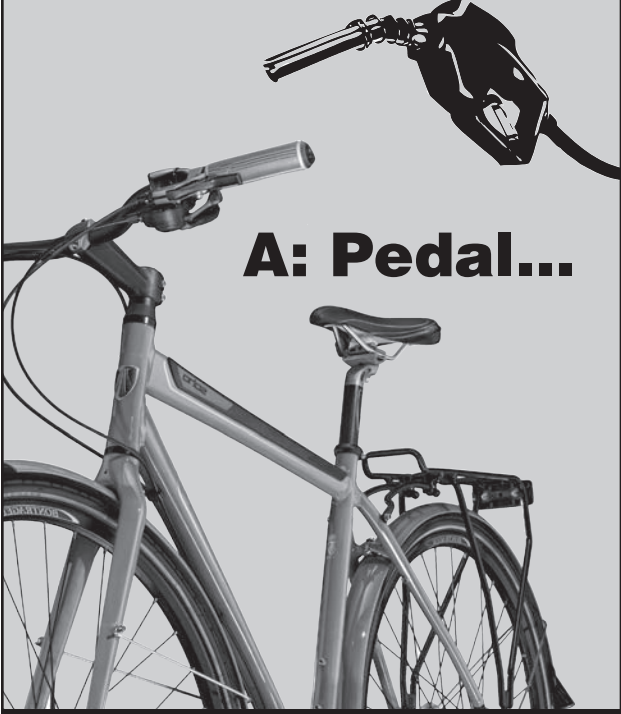
I believe those responsible for the inhumane treatment of animals should not be given a free pass to continue their abuses behind closed doors.

Rather than concealing cruelty and punishing those who expose it in factory farms and slaughterhouses, we should address inhumane conditions brought to light by strengthening Iowa’s animal cruelty laws.

Hidden cameras have long been a tool of journalists and filmmakers to spread awareness about human rights abuses in such facilities as insane asylums. Without them, it would be harder to generate public interest in lobbying for changes.

“Those responsible for the inhumane treatment of animals should not be given a free pass to continue their abuses behind closed doors.”

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Wrestling

Reader reflects on season, future

ISU senior sets goals for Olympic championship

Editor's note:

Last week, Daily staff writer Darrin Cline sat down with Jon Reader, Iowa State's freshest NCAA wrestling champion. Coming off a 39-0 senior season, Reader is settling back into life on campus.

ISD: What's been going on in your life since winning the tournament?

JR: Since then, I've just been relaxing and enjoying it, letting it all sink in. I'm just enjoying life right now, I haven't really had that chance to just relax and focus on other areas of life. I've done a few interviews and stuff here and there but mostly I've just been low key.

ISD: Has winning the national tournament changed your life in any way?

JR: Personally, it has changed me because I know how hard I worked for this and how much it meant to me. It's been a dream and a goal since I was a little kid and to achieve it for me was satisfying and it's something I'll always remember and no one can take away from me.

ISD: What was your internal reaction to winning the championship?

JR: As soon as the whistle blew and I looked over at coach Jackson it was just overwhelming, kind of like a numbness. I don't ever celebrate like that, but that's something I've worked for my entire life and so it just kind of came pouring right out of me and my body went numb. I looked over at the Cyclone crowd and it was just exciting. It still gives me goose bumps when I talk about it.

ISD: When did you know that you had the match locked up?

JR: I had a solid first period and it was building on that and looking to score points from there. Once I knew he couldn't take me down it was really just looking score points. When we got to the third period I knew he couldn't take me down and I kind of knew it was over there. Once the whistle blew I knew it was finally over and it was just awesome.

ISD: Going back to your recruiting days, why did you choose to wrestle for Iowa State?

JR: My high school coach would have NCAA highlight tapes every year and it seemed like Iowa State guys were always on it. And I thought I always wanted to wrestle for Iowa State. I saw guys like Joe Heskett, he was a childhood hero of mine. Chris Bono, the Paulson brothers, those kind of guys dominated on a collegiate level and it made me excited for the next phase.

I had visits lined up with Minnesota, Virginia Tech, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, and Iowa State. I took my first visit to Iowa State and that was it. A lot of it had to do with being able to sign and be under the mentorship of the Paulson brothers right away.

I'll never forget signing with Iowa State and being able to put on that Iowa State singlet was phenomenal.

ISD: How do you feel you have most improved since freshmen year?

JR: I would say I bought in to the sport. I've always been a student of it, but really buying in day in and day out. My nutrition, my sleep habits, everything just buying into the grind really and staying healthy a whole season.

ISD: What was it like coaching from the coaching change from Bobby Douglas, to Cael Sanderson, to Kevin Jackson?

JR: Bobby Douglas was recruiting me and Cael actually took over right as I got in and then coach Jackson after my sophomore year. Personally I look at it as a blessing to be able to work with so many legends of the sport and be a mat rat and pick their brains every day was a blessing in disguise for me. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

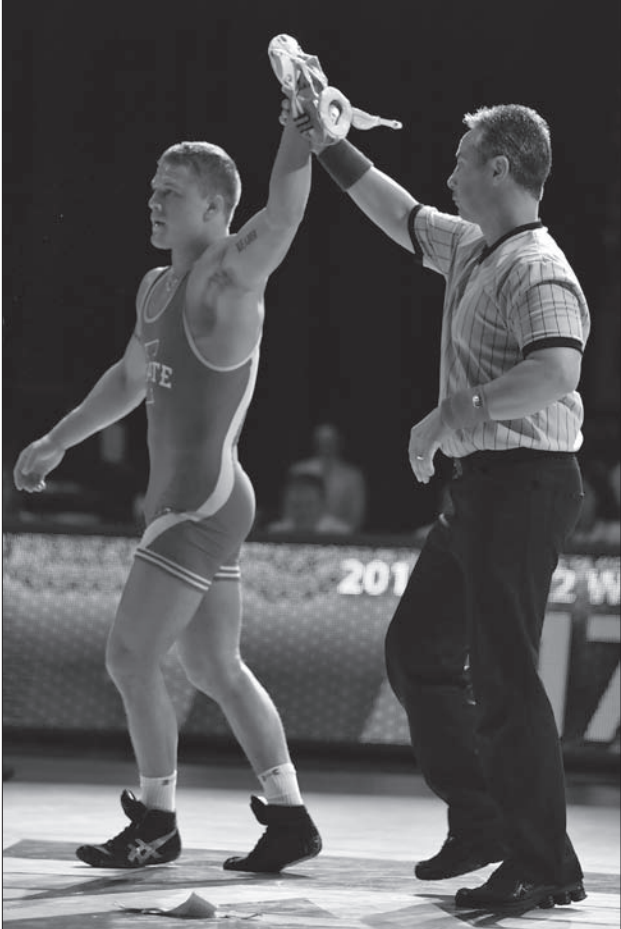
I can't say enough positive things about coach Jackson. Him coming on campus my junior year, as soon as he stepped on campus I told him I'm all in and show me what I have to do to win. He pulled the best out of me and I'm forever grateful.

ISD: Do you have any negative feelings about Sanderson leaving to coach Penn State and winning the national title so quickly?

JR: I don't look at it like that. I think it was an opportunity for me to be surrounded by some of the greatest guys in the sport. For me coming in I had coach Sanderson, Tim Hartung, Chris Bono and now Jackson, Voelker, the Paulson's and Yero Washington, I had all these guys in the room around me and to just pick things from all of these guys was a something amazing. I actually still talk to coach Sanderson we're real good friends and I'm glad he won the title. He's a great guy and I have nothing but great things to say about him.

ISD: Where are you going from here in your wrestling career?

JR: I am actually staying here and being part of the Cyclone Wrestling Club under coach Jackson. I've had other places ask me to come to their schools and universities but there's no way I'm leaving coach Jackson and the Cyclone nation. Everything they've done for me to help me reach my potential, I want to give back to this university and help these Iowa State athletes reach



Jon Reader raises his hand after defeating an Oklahoma State opponent during the Big 12 tournament Mar. 5 at Hilton Coliseum. Photo: Zhenru Zhang/Iowa State Daily

their potential
I'm going to wrestle under the Cyclone Wrestling Club and compete internationally and continue to compete at 185 and wrestle freestyle. I went to the world championships last year on the college level and I just hate losing more than anything.

I just love being around the guy. Since my collegiate career is over I'm going to turn the page and set my goals on becoming an Olympic and world champion, and I know under coach Jackson that the sky is the limit.



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Baseball

Iowa State drops 2 of 3 games to Mankato

Errors doom
Cyclones in close
calls at Timm Field

By Dan.Kassan
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On a warm, spring afternoon at Cap Timm Field, the Minnesota State-Mankato starting pitcher delivered the first pitch of the afternoon. The scene wasn't extraordinary: two club teams playing ball at a once-proud stadium with just a handful of supporters in attendance. But nevertheless, the baseball season has begun again in Ames.

Despite Iowa State playing at home, it was technically the away team, since the schedule called for it to travel up to Mankato. But due to the fields not being ready, the Mavericks drove down Saturday morning in time for the 1 p.m. first pitch of a three-game series against the two conference foes.

"I think as a whole it's a lot better for us just because we can sleep in our own beds and not at a hotel and don't have that temptation to go out in Mankato," said ISU player-coach Tyler Strub.

Iowa State gained the lead in the series opener and held on for an 8-7 victory. The Cyclones did commit

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four errors but were able to get timely hitting to compensate.

In the second half of the Saturday doubleheader, with the game tied at one apiece, the Cyclones broke through in the sixth.

After a walk and hit batter chased the Mankato starter from the game, Cyclone Zach Simons drove a two-run triple into deep right-center. A Justin Sullivan sacrifice fly scored Simons, finishing the three-run rally for the Cyclones.

"I felt great. It's been a while since I've hit a ball that well," Simons said. "I was just sitting dead-red first pitch, and I got it and I ripped it."

But Mankato answered, as errors

allowed the Mavericks to get three runs of their own in the sixth. Then, in the seventh, more miscues cost the game for Iowa State, as another error by Sullivan allowed the bases loaded with no outs. An error at second on a grounder pushed the final run across, giving Mankato the 5-4 victory.

"It's frustrating giving up more than three outs per inning," said starter Jeff Peterson.

"It's frustrating as a pitcher, but you have to understand where these guys are coming from and realize mistakes are going to happen, and you can't get down about it."

The Sunday matinee featured a solid pitching outing by the Mankato starter. Iowa State, however, came up with yet another rally in the top half of the seventh.

A three-run rally was highlighted by an RBI triple and a pair of sacrifice flies. In the bottom half, Iowa State got quick two outs but loaded the bases. On a passed ball in the seventh, Mankato ran home with the game-winner, 4-3 the final.

"In the second game, errors killed us. We had a lot of errors that second game," Strub said. "I don't really know why it happens but it does."

Iowa State drops to 3-4 overall on the season. They next play a home series against the University of South Dakota. The first game is at noon Saturday at Cap Timm Field in Ames.



ISU hitter Brock Martin hits a single. The Iowa State Club Baseball team took on Minnesota State in a doubleheader on Saturday at the Southwest Sports Complex. Photo: John Scallon/Iowa State Daily

Track and field

Seven Cyclones take first place at Missouri Relays

Elahi breaks
record, distance
runners win

By Sally.Donlin
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The ISU track and field team had a strong showing at the Missouri Relays on Friday and Saturday, finishing the

meet with seven event winners.

Junior Kianna Elahi took first place in the 400-meter hurdles as she recorded 57.71, breaking the Missouri Relays record by about two seconds.

Cyclone Dana Christensen



Elahi

crossed the finish line first in the 400-meter dash in 56.95 on day one of the meet.

Elahi and Christensen also participated in the women's 4x400-meter relay along with Donnise Powell and Callan Jacobson, earning another first place for the Cyclones with a time of 3:47.17.

Kersten Thorgaard also earned first place in the women's 800-meter run by finish-

ing in 2:14.74, only about two seconds ahead of her teammate Ines Fischer, who came in third.

Thorgaard was only 3 1/2 seconds away from earning an additional first place, recording a 4:40.49 for second place.

Although the women's team could not snatch the title in the 1,500-meter run, Alex Dillenbeck was able to do so for the men by crossing the fin-

ish line in 3:51.88.

High jumper Derek Alderks took first as he recorded 6-08.75, earning a new personal best by more than three inches. His teammate, Cameron Ostrowski, also competed in the high jump for his first time in a collegiate outdoor meet and earned second place, 6-06.75.

The Cyclones also attained a few first-place recordings

in the Central Invitational competition.

Field event competitor Laishema Hampton earned first in both the discus and the hammer throw. Cyclone Danielle Frere also earned a first place in the shot put as she threw 49-01.

The team's next meet runs Thursday through Saturday at the Sun Angel Track Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

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Aquarius: Focus On Your Home

Today's Birthday (04/04/11). Feed your creative soul this year by indulging your pen and your journal. It doesn't really matter what you write and whether someone ever reads it. It will free you up and allow you to focus more easily on other endeavors.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9
-- Demand the facts and you'll get them.
They help you figure out what to do next.
You have the message and can get it out.
It's a very lucky moment for love. Ask for
what your heart desires.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You're more powerful than you ever imagined. Try again at something you have failed at before. Practice your five-minute elevator speech and then deliver.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Listening is the most powerful part of communication. Observe rather than spend. Completion is within your grasp. It's okay to hide out. Consider travel plans.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Enjoy inspiring conversation with friends for the next few days. They understand and have a wider view. Talk

over your ambitions, dreams and wild schemes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9
-- Take inventory of assets and liabilities
for powerful decision-making. New
assignments come in, so make a good
impression by your practical point of view.
A touch of mystery doesn't hurt.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Let yourself explore. A dream inspires. Romance may well follow, since your brilliance is enchanting. Stop and paint a picture if you have the urge. You'll be glad for the memory later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Your imagination carries you to new places. You may find new meaning and inspiration now. Stash away your winnings. Consider a joint endeavor with a talented friend.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Inject glamour into your work. It's a good time to take a trip. It doesn't have to cost money. You can use your imagination or visit a museum. Notice great style.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Your ideas blast you ahead in your career. You may want to start planning a new project now. Feed your urge to be creative, whether at work or play.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- It's a fantastic day to let your imagination go wild, especially with a loved one. Participate in creative projects together. Take photos and write it all down.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Friends help you solve great philosophical problems. Don't fall for every offer. Focus on your home and family for the next couple of days. Sit with it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Let an analytical person help. Discuss what worked and what didn't. Soak it all in. It's a perfect time for learning and growing. Don't reveal your entire agenda immediately.

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Chad Hand, senior in electrical engineering, zombie walks out of Lake LaVerne on Saturday afternoon during Greek Week's Polar Plunge. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily



Members of the greek community participate in a live action roleplay competition as part of the Greek Olympics during greek week Saturday. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily



Patriotic salute from Ben Ellefson, left, Colin Judd and Drew Brown as they plunge for Farmhouse. Over \$45,000 was raised for the special olympics as more than 800 people slipped, jumped, dove and flopped into the fresh waters of Lake Laverne. Clark Colby/Iowa State Daily

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